

REPORTS

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS OF

LANGDON, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1881.

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BELLOWS FALLS:

JERRY LEECH & CO., BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1881.

COOLEY CREAMER.

GOLD MEDAL, PARIS, 1879.



Butter made by this process awarded *Sweepstakes* at International Dairy Fair, 1878, and *Gold Medal* and *First Premium* at same Fair, 1879, *First Premium* at Royal Agricultural Exhibition, London, 1879. Manufactured in four styles and ten sizes.

THE REGULAR.—The cans in this are removed to bench for skimming automatically.

THE JUNIOR.—The skimming is done automatically without removing cans from Creamer.

THE UPRIGHT OR CABINET.—Has a compartment under the water tank, the illuminated conical point of cans projecting into this compartment, Skims without removing cans.

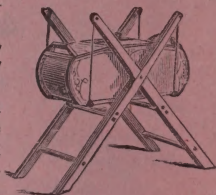
THE ELEVATOR.—Has a hoisting arrangement for raising cans out of the tank. Milk drawn off automatically before removing cans from platform of the elevator.

CAUTION.—One of the strongest proofs of the great popularity of the Cooley Creamers, and an undeniable confession of their superiority, is the large number of imitations on the market, which claim the same unrivalled perfection of action possessed by these justly Celebrated Creamers. We therefore caution all persons not to buy or use any of said imitations and infringements, as we shall protect our rights to the full extent of the law.

DAVIS SWING CHURN

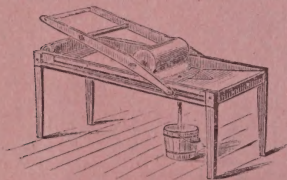
Awarded First Premium over all competitors at only practical test ever held by the International Dairy Fair, at New York.

The box contains no floats or inside gear, which mash the butter globules; no corners in which the cream can lodge, to be washed into the buttermilk and lost when the butter separates. The butter gathers in beautiful granules, in the best possible condition for washing in the churn with cold water and brine. Works easier than any other churn. This churn needs only to be seen to be appreciated.



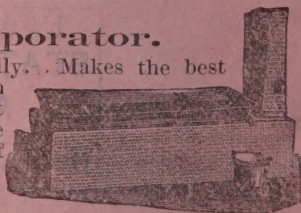
Eureka Butter Worker

Highest award at the International Dairy Fair at New York, Dec., 1878. Works all portions of the butter equally. Leaves grain of butter in much better condition than workers with corrugated rolls. Is very popular with "gilt edge" butter makers.



The Improved Evaporator.

For making Syrup, Sugar and Apple Jelly. Makes the best syrup and sugar with less fuel and labor than any other apparatus. Will condense sweet cider into delicious jelly at the rate of three barrels per hour, without the addition of any foreign matter.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Value of real estate taxed,	\$184,554 00
100 polls,	10,000 00
182 horses,	10,476 00
1 ass,	20 00
56 oxen,	3,307 00
135 cows,	7,056 00
155 neat stock,	5,097 00
1,186 sheep,	4,003 00
9 hogs,	96 00
6 carriages,	614 00
stock in public funds,	8,000 00
stock in banks,	8,100 00
money on hand or at interest,	19,874 00
stock in trade,	910 00
3 mills,	1,300 00
	\$263,407 00

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax,	\$620 00
County tax,	709 03
Town tax,	1 00
School tax,	800 00
	\$2,130 03

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1, 1880,	\$343 37
savings bank tax,	579 84
literary fund,	18 13
taxes of 1879,	160 31
taxes and interest of 1874,	35 81
taxes of 1880,	2,130 00
Cash of Charles A. Holden,	3 60
bounties returned from State,	3 60
for use of hearse,	1 00
for David G. Merrill's highway tax,	2 14
	\$3,277 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid State tax,	\$620 00
County tax,	709 03
on orders,	1,392 86
	\$2,721 89
Cash in treasury March 1st, 1881,	555 91
	\$3,277 80

SAMUEL L. SLADER, *Treasurer.*

EXPENDITURES.

TOWN OFFICERS.

C. A. Holden,	} Selectmen for 1879,	\$47 48
H. M. Elwell,		28 05
D. P. Davis.		12 48
C. M. Lufkin, town clerk, for 1879,		18 00
S. L. Slader, town treasurer,		22 00
Mary S. Prentiss, Superintending School Committee,		25 00
Wm. P. Wilson collector,		16 00
J. C. Walker, sexton,		29 00
H. E. Smith, sexton,		10 70
Geo. W. Ramsey,	} Supervisors,	20 25
S. G. Baldwin,		5 00
James Willard,		6 00
		\$239 96

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	\$30 00
“ “ 2,	142 28
“ “ 3,	147 50
“ “ 4,	153 66
“ “ 5,	142 30
“ “ 6,	142 29
Baldwin & Whitney's share paid Charlestown,	15 60
Wetherbee, Angier & Lufkin's share paid Alstead,	24 50
	\$798 13

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES,

B. F. Brown, snow bill,	\$1 00
H. E. Smith, snowing bridge,	1 25

Selectmen, posts and plank,	10 05
R. Huntoon, work on road and plank,	3 76
C. F. Retting, snow bill,	4 20
R. C. Huntley, do.	4 80
Selectmen, repair of Wiley bridge,	37 42
“ building bridge near E. Bidwell's,	30 61
D. P. Davis, plank and work on Albee bridge,	3 34
Patrick Condon, snow bill,	3 00
Arthur J. Wilson, do.	1 25
Martin Bascom, do.	1 50
James Willard, do.	3 82
John Hanning, do.	3 07
John Ferguson, do.	8 77
Eleazor Porter, do.	2 70
	\$120 54

PAUPERS.

Ira Holmes, support of A. Holmes,	\$60 00
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BOUNTIES.

James Bascom,	\$0 20
Fred Davidson,	20
Allen Knights,	40
John Royce,	60
H. A. Holmes,	40
D. S. Russell,	20
Geo. H. Kennedy,	20
Newton L. Kennedy,	20
Harvey Davis,	20
Charles Bradford,	60
	\$3 60

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. N. Swain, printing reports 1879 and 1880,	\$26 00
Dr. S. T. Smith, returning births and deaths,	2 50
Mary Sartwell, non-resident highway tax worked,	1 79
George W. Ramsey, cleaning town hall,	1 00
Morrill & Silsby, books,	1 50
C. A. Holden,	3 60
C. H. Wright, housing scrapers 1879 and 1880,	2 00
Selectmen, repairing cemetery fence,	100 24
F. M. Weatherbee, watering trough,	3 00
H. M. Elwell, watering trough 1879 and 1880,	3 00
Selectmen, chairs and table for hall,	60
W. P. Wilson, non-resident highway tax worked,	10 40
Burrill Porter, damage to sheep by dogs,	18 00
	\$173 63

RECAPITULATION.

Town officers,	\$239 96
Schools,	798 13
Highways and bridges,	120 54
Miscellaneous,	173 63
Paupers,	60 00
Bounties,	3 60
State tax,	620 00
County tax,	709 03
	\$2,724 89

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1st, 1881,	\$555 91
Taxes of 1880 uncollected,	113 06
	\$668 97

INDEBTEDNESS.

School money due district No. 1,	\$20 00	
Floating orders,	3 00	
Outstanding accounts, estimated,	200 00	
		223 00
Balance in favor of the town,		8445 97

CHAS. A. HOLDEN,
HENRY M. ELWELL, } *Selectmen of Langdon.*
DANIEL P. DAVIS, }

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

W. B. Dow, Prudential Committee.

This District has had no school this year, the pupils having been distributed in the adjoining schools. The house is unfit for use; the numbers are few, and the children nearly or quite as well accommodated in those schools, as far as distance is concerned, as they would be in their own school house. Three families, on making petition, have been legally and permanently set off from this District and joined to District No. 3.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Ira Davidson, Prudential Committee.

The Summer and Fall terms, taught by Miss Ella E. Wood of Acworth, were characterized by good order and thorough work. If the progress made was slow, it was sure, and will be a good foundation for more rapid work in the future. One noticeably good feature was the frequent and careful writing of exercises upon the board. I wish all our schools had made as good a beginning in English Com-

position, a branch which is much neglected in them but which is of quite as much practical importance as any of the others.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Orre A. Isham. I was unable to visit this school at its close, but its beginning promised well, and I learn that it was a pleasant and profitable one to the scholars.

This district has bought half a set of outline maps and will probably buy the remaining half next year.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Henry Wiley, Prudential Committee.

Two terms, both taught by Miss Annie L. Thayer, of Acworth, who has had long experience and does good work. The advanced class in geography was particularly successful.

Two boys left this school sometime during the Fall term, on account of some disaffection, which, so far as I could judge, was without sufficient cause, thereby losing much valuable instruction which they much need. The attendance of one of these boys was several weeks less than the law requires.

If when such trouble arises, parents would be careful to learn both sides of it, probably they would seldom allow their children to remove themselves from school. The best of teachers make mistakes, as do the best of parents, but it is no more right that children, on this account, should be deprived of their school training, than of their home training.

The schools are for the scholars and not for the teachers. If the teacher is incompetent, let her be properly dismissed. If she is competent and trying to do her best, let the children have the benefit of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

H. M. Elwell, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught throughout the year—three terms—by Miss Mary A. Simpson. The want of interest which has been apparent

among the pupils for some years previous, has in a good degree disappeared and a better spirit prevails. The attendance is still somewhat defective and consequently the scholarship is not quite what it might be, but the school has gone on uninterruptedly and with mutual good feeling, and good progress has been made. Now if the parents will co-operate with the teacher in securing good attendance, I see no reason why this may not become a good school in all respects. New outline maps are needed in this District.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

C. F. Retting, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mattie L. Sawyer taught the Summer term, and Miss Carrie W. Sawyer the Winter term. Both these ladies came from Salisbury, N. H. The school was quiet and orderly, good feeling prevailed, and good advancement was made throughout the year in all the classes. Particular attention was given to English composition. The scholars of this District expect to be obedient and to be satisfied with their teachers, consequently they usually find that they have good teachers, and the teachers usually find that they can devote the most of their time and strength to giving instruction, the proper work of the school-room.

This district has recently bought outline maps. It should get a dictionary. Such helps if properly used, are of more value to the children, than the weeks of school of which they deprive them.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

A. Currier, Prudential Committee,

Miss Fanny Hall, of Springfield, Vt., taught the Summer term. There was less interest and vigor in the work than this school

usually manifests, still there were obedience and industry, and considerable progress was made especially by the little children.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Sarah A. Porter. This was a successful term. Miss Porter has had long experience, and is thorough and painstaking. The scholars of this District expect to do what is required of them, and are constant in attendance. With these conditions, success was a matter of course. This school needs a dictionary.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Eight children between the ages of five and fifteen years are reported as not attending any school. There is a law of the State which may be enforced by fines, requiring all children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, to attend school at least twelve weeks every year. Perhaps this law may have escaped the notice of some, although it is kept conspicuously posted in all the Districts. How many of these non-attendants are between the ages of eight and fourteen, I do not know, but call attention to the matter. Of course the object of this law is not the fines, but to secure to the children the education which American citizens must have.

The foregoing report shows that our schools have been unusually quiet and successful this year. Prudential Committees have been either very careful or very lucky in choosing teachers, and the parents have generally sustained them. The school in District No. 3 is not quite easy to hold, but it has good material and we hope that next year it will outgrow its faults as fast as the one in District No. 4.

which was formerly in a worse condition, has during this year. If the parents and teachers are all right, there will undoubtedly be very little trouble with the children.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. PRENTISS,

Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have not been absent or tardy during the entire year :

DISTRICT No. 2.—Fred I. Davidson.

DISTRICT No. 4.—May H. Elwell.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Eugene J. Davis, Dean S. Russell.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Edith Holden.

STATISTICS.

No. of children between five and fifteen years of age, not attending any school, 8.

No. of scholars between five and fifteen years of age, as reported by the selectmen, 61.

No. of boys, 34.

No. of girls, 27.

No. of scholars in actual attendance, as reported by the teachers, 59.

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